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OUR COVER: Anis Gul Mohammad Ali has worked hard to achieve many things in her 24 years. She continues to work hard and study, and has been rewarded for her commitment to also helping others. SEE Page 11.

Editor's note



Welcome to our Term 4 edition in a year when we've all had to show resilience, patience and care for ourselves and each other.

Schools, families, businesses, everyone is hoping Term 4 will move us closer to a healthier future and new opportunities.

In the last edition, we asked you to think about who has helped you through some difficult times in 2020 and send your shout-out or thanks for inclusion in this edition. Some of those comments are featured on Page 7.

Even if there's no one obvious to thank, I hope you're able to find something to be grateful for. It might be having a roof over your head, work, family and friends to connect with. It might be your health, which none of us can take for granted.

Also in this edition is information about our local council elections, which will take place in October. If you're aged over 18 and enrolled to vote, you'll soon receive a package of information in the mail with everything you need to complete the process.

There are fines for not voting, so please keep an eye out for the package and then complete and return it by the closing date. Changes to campaigning due to COVID-19 mean there will be limited opportunities to meet or hear from candidates, so you might need to find new ways to do your homework on who you think are the best people for the job.

The next edition of Northerly Aspects will be delivered to you in January so in the meantime, please take care of yourself and each other.

Jeanette Anderson

Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee

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Fiona recognised for caring

MatchWorks Corio site manager Fiona McIntyre has been recognised for an important role she plays outside of her work. Earlier this year, Fiona was crowned the 2020 Lady of Racing for her work in retraining and rehoming former racehorses.

The award is run by The Victorian Wakeful Club in partnership with Racing Victoria and aims to celebrate women who have made an outstanding contribution to the thoroughbred racing and breeding industries.

Fiona has several former champions of racing in her care, but it was her work with two former champions that set her apart in the award. She looks after Bart Cummings' former grand stayer Precedence, who competed in four Melbourne Cups and won two Moonee Valley Cups.

Precedence and Fiona have competed in the past two Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout events held during the Melbourne Show and widely recognised as the pinnacle of the horse showing world. Another of Bart Cummings' former stars, Sirmione, is also in Fiona's care and has also had a successful equestrian career.

RV CEO Giles Thompson said Fiona was a very worthy winner.

"Fiona has long been an advocate for life after racing, and has worked tirelessly to ensure former racehorses lead happy and healthy lives once they have left the track," he said.

"We are very fortunate to have Fiona as one of the RV Acknowledged Retrainers who support our Off The Track



Fiona and Precedence, a four-time Melbourne Cup runner who was trained by Bart Cummings and won \$2million in prize money as a race horse.

program, which aims to facilitate the placement of retired racehorses in secondary careers and drive demand for thoroughbreds as performance and pleasure horses."

Fiona said was honoured to receive the award for doing something she loves.



It's time to vote for Council

Geelong residents are about to decide who their local council representatives will be for the next three years.

Households across the region will soon start receiving their ballot papers for the election of 11 councillors in four wards. You will vote only for the ward you are registered in.

The Corio and Norlane area will again have two councillors representing them, in Windermere Ward, which also includes Lara, Anakie and Batesford. The sitting councillors in the ward are Kylie Grzybek (who is also Deputy Mayor) and Anthony Aitken.

The election of new councillors will again be held by post, and ballot papers will be received in the mail from October 6. They must be completed and returned by October 23.

If you are over the age of 18 you must vote in this election. Fines will be issued for enrolled voters who do not participate.

Important dates in the process are:

Thursday, September 17: Nominations for candidates open.

Tuesday, September 22: Nominations for candidates close, at noon.

Tuesday, October 6-8: Ballot papers will be mailed to you.

Friday, October 23: Voting closes at 6pm – your ballot paper must be returned by this date.

Friday, November 13: Results will be declared.

For more information, visit the Victorian Electoral Committee website, www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting.



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Walking for community impact

Norlane resident Ben Le Fevre has completed a significant personal challenge to honour lost loved ones, raise money and awareness of suicide prevention activities in Geelong.

As well as playing a key role in the annual Geelong Suicide Prevention Awareness Network (SPAN) walk this month, during July he walked 200 kilometres on his way to raising \$2791 for RUOK?

The RUOK? event raised money to help provide counselling in remote areas and develop programs for schools and workplaces about how to ask RUOK? and know how to follow up if the answer is no.

The 200 kilometres, about six kilometres a day, were at night and mostly alone.

Sponsors supported his effort and contributed to his fundraising result, which exceeded his original goal of \$1000.

"I decided to do the kilometres at night because my loved ones were in a dark place at the time," he said. "I also carried a weighted bag, because I know they would have been carrying a lot of emotions with them."

Ben, 26, is a Geelong SPAN committee member and has joined its annual walk since it began in 2010. Ben has lost six loved ones to suicide since 2008 and joined SPAN to get support for himself.

"I then realised that Geelong still had an issue with suicide and depression being a taboo subject," he said. "I wanted to help raise awareness."

The traditional SPAN walk was replaced by a virtual walk on September 13, with Ben providing a welcome to participants via a Facebook live feed. He said the walk helps dismantle the stigma around the taboo subject and is a safe place to talk about loved ones lost to suicide.

Ben said he has experienced depression himself and knows what a merry-go-round it can be. He wants everyone to have access to support when they need it most.

If you or someone you know needs help phone, Lifeline on 131-114 or Beyond Blue on 1300-224-636. You can support SPAN Geelong by going to its website <https://www.spangeelong.com/>



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Students name the crane



Young Northern Bay College students have helped name the crane being used on the GMHBA rebuild site in the Geelong CBD.

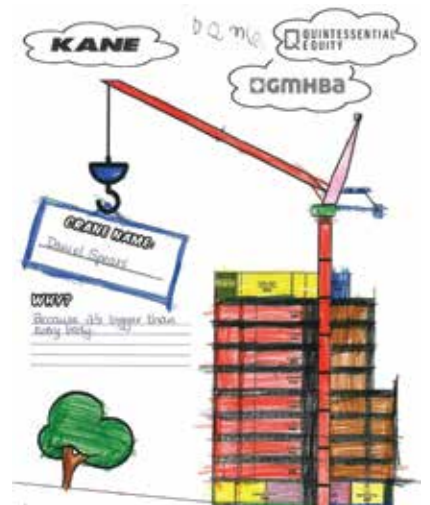
The new building is rising out of a hole in the ground at the corner of Corio and Moorabool streets, where the large crane is rising high into the sky.

Kane Builders, Quintessential developers and GMHBA recognised that naming cranes is a great community initiative and invited Northern Bay College students to take on the task.

All of the college's Prep and Kindergarten children across the five

college campuses – all 170 of them – were given the opportunity to colour a drawing of the crane and then give it a name. All of the names were then sent off and a winner was chosen by a panel representing the three major stakeholders.

The children don't yet know who won the naming rights, but one day in September the lucky youngster will be invited to visit the site, look at the crane up close and have a picture taken with 'their' crane. The icing on the cake will be a prize for the College's Family Learning Centre to say thank you for participating in the naming project.



<p>Function room with bay views for hire</p> <p>Pool room</p> <p>Member's bar</p> <p>Tennis courts</p>	<h2>The Seaview Club Inc.</h2> <p>Family-Sports-Recreation</p> <p>335 Blue Stone Bridge Road, Lovely Banks</p> <p>Phone: 5275-2776</p>	
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Your messages of thanks

In the last edition of Northerly Aspects, we asked you to send us your message of thanks to those who've made the challenges of 2020 a little easier. Here's a selection of the responses:

Cherie's shoutout had several parts: "A big thank you to Liz and all the staff at Cloverdale (Community Centre) for all their hard work keeping our community together and still running programs in these tough times. Thanks to Hannah Reeves for keeping our choir going through Zoom throughout COVID-19 – it's good to have something to look forward to each week. Another big thanks to all the volunteers who work at The Long Room who pack and distribute hot meals and pantry packs."

From Mick: "Thanks to Cloverdale for the huge range of activities still being offered. I just love the videos on Facebook."

From Di: "A shout-out to my Dad for doing the hard yards to get our new(er) more reliable car. Thanks to my eldest for cleaning out the shed and fixing the roof so we have a clean, dry space to park the car and to my youngest for helping work out how to fix my camera (I soooo need it for my wellbeing). Thanks also my sister and brother-in-law for a much-needed end-of-week debrief. What would I do without you guys? "



From Elizabeth: "Thanks to Esther and Nathan for the cooking videos on Norlane's Facebook page."

You can read more messages of thanks from Norlane Community Centre on Page 24 and 25.

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 City of Greater Geelong Council Elections - October 2020

I will continue to fight for:

- ✓ a fair share for the North
- ✓ a safer community

I will be a consistent voice for the residents of the North!

I have formed a strong team with Anthony Aitken and ask you to put him 2

Authorised: K Grzybek – 8 Greenleaf Drive LARA VIC 3212 – Ph. 0418 885 819

Join the Baptistcare Coasthaven family

Residents at Coasthaven residential aged care community in Norlane enjoy the great facilities the Baptistcare community provides, including a private room with ensuite bathroom and large windows. There are plenty of activities to suit all interests and abilities.

Other facilities located within the precinct include The Aviary café, a playground and community garden. Pop into The Aviary to try the range of affordable food available daily or order dinner and pantry items online at www.theaviary.org.au for next day delivery.

Be assured that the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents, and

staff continues to be our number one priority. We are actively monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID 19) situation and following government advice.

Coasthaven is currently open for tours and accepting admissions. To find out more information about permanent and respite places, call 13-22-78 or go to www.baptcare.org.au/coasthaven.

You can read more about our response to keeping everyone safe on our website at: <https://www.baptcare.org.au/our-response-to-covid19/covid-safe-initiatives-in-our-residential-aged-care-communities>



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Northern Bay College

Thanks all of our students, staff and families for their understanding support and some amazing successes during these times.

We hope term 4 will be wonderful being back at school again.

Special wishes for success to our Year 12 students.

Please call if you need to discuss enrolments in Childcare, Kindergarten, Prep or all other year levels.

Keep safe everyone.

Scott Diamond, Principal



Northern Bay P-12 College

Northern Bay College 1300 348 535

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Business (almost) as usual

Staff and sponsors of Northerly Aspects are working hard to continue providing service for their clients and participants during COVID-19.

MatchWorks Corio is still operating and conducting all appointments via phone and Zoom.

Site manager Fiona McIntrye said it's "business as 'unusual' for us. The office is currently closed but we are still working behind the scenes in different locations. We have a Facebook page where we are listing our current vacancies and other important information."

At WDEAWorks, the doors may be closed but the teams are working remotely with their regular hours of Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Spokesperson Tara Miller said: "We are still here to assist new and existing jobseekers as well as working with local business and employers. Our experienced employment consultants are communicating through phone, email and video in the first instance.

"We are part of the Corio and Geelong communities and we are supporting people with disabilities, injuries, mental health or other barriers.

Connecting jobseekers with meaningful employment is our highest priority.

"We would like to remind people that it's completely normal to feel unsure during these times, but rest assured we are focusing on maintaining our strong links with employers, and finding positions for our jobseekers."

"We encourage jobseekers and employers to contact us and discuss their current circumstances and needs, phone 5292-1640 or email geelong@wdeaworks.org.au."



GEELONG COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020

KEY DATES

Thursday 17 September:
Candidate nominations open

Tuesday 22 September:
Candidate nominations close at 12 noon

Friday 23 October:
Post your vote by 6.00pm

Friday 13 November:
Results declared

geelongaustralia.com.au/elections



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Creative solutions for children



Northern Bay College staff have come up with some creative solutions to ensure the children experience outings during restriction periods.

The early learning centre children have missed out on the excitement of going on excursions, which many adults would remember from their own kindergarten or school days.

To create some excursion excitement, staff organised for the kinder kids to go on a trip, not on the bus, not on the

train, not on foot – but over the fence to the neighbours.

Right next door to the early learning centre, on the same Goldsworthy Road site, is the Family Centre, with its beautiful gardens and play spaces. During their excursion, it's where the children had a lot of fun playing and exploring.

The younger children on the college campuses can't go anywhere together either, so they all got on their iPads or

computers at home and joined their class mates (and some parents) for an online visit by the staff and animals of Wildlife Xtreme.

Staff know their efforts to create opportunities for social interaction and connection are important for the children. In September, children joined together for a 'Mad About Science' online learning visit, to their computer screens.



Northern Bay College
Family Learning Centre

Childcare and Kinder Ph: 5224 9784

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Northern Bay College
Early Learning Centre
Child Care
Kindergarten



Northern Bay College
Family Centre

Anis rewarded for leadership

Northern suburbs resident Anis Gul Mohammad Ali has worked hard to achieve many things in her 24 years. She continues to work hard and study, and has been rewarded for her commitment to also helping others.

In late July, Anis was honoured as the Leadership category winner in the City of Greater Geelong 2020 Youth Awards for her academic achievements and contributions as a community volunteer.

Anis was born in Afghanistan and migrated with her family to Pakistan when she was one year old. When they arrived in Australia in 2013, Anis knew little English but was determined to make the most of the opportunities her new home offered.

When she first enrolled at Northern Bay College she completed a six-month English language class, which she credits for learning foundation English. "I was also watching TED talks and YouTube videos to improve my English," she said. "I was up late every night."

Driven by her passion to one day become a doctor, Anis worked hard to ensure her English skills were at a level that allowed her to progress to VCE studies. She achieved her VCE with the highest ATAR score at Northern Bay College.

"From a young age I dreamed of becoming a doctor and that's what motivated me to keep going. I have to overcome some struggles – learning English was my first challenge – but I got into VCE and then did very well."

Anis said her mother Gulsoom remains



her greatest supporter. "She just wants me to do well and still cooks and cleans and just lets me study," she said.

Anis enrolled at Deakin University in 2016 to study biomedicine. At the same time, she studied nursing at The Gordon and is currently working at St John of God Hospital. She will complete her biomedicine degree this year and then take a 'gap' year in 2021 when she will "just work, not work and study". Her goal is to be accepted into medicine at Deakin in 2022, for four more years of study towards becoming a doctor.

Anis is an advocate for young refugee women in the northern suburbs, assisting with the integration of refugees into the Geelong lifestyle. In the little time she has free, Anis is also volunteering at Diversitat, Pako Festa, The fOrT Youth Centre and other multicultural events in the northern suburbs.

"I have been so welcomed since I came here and have had amazing people around me," she said. "Now I try to do as much to help others in any way, to guide them."

Local sporting club funding

Local sporting reserves Evans Reserve, Norlane and Osborne Park, North Geelong are set for transformation, thanks to a \$2.256 Million funding boost from the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

They are two of seven reserves in Geelong to receive upgrades and are part of the Victorian Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package creating jobs and kick-starting vital projects across the state. Once complete the project will benefit a number of sports including Australian rules football, soccer and cricket.

The projects are shovel-ready and will see the creation of numerous jobs and the use of local materials, supporting the communities within the City of Greater Geelong throughout the project lifecycle and support the rebuild of clubs.

This investment is about helping grassroots sports communities get back in the game when the time is right.

Local Community Sporting Clubs in our community have also accessed the State Government's \$40 million Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package.

This will make it that little bit easier for clubs to support players and volunteers as Victorians start to train together again and look to a return to competition. Our sporting clubs are an integral part of our community and this support will help them pay the bills and make the return to play, that little bit easier.

The successful clubs that received the \$1000 grants include: Corio Little Athletics Club, Anakie Football Club, Bell Park Sports Club (Soccer), Geelong Rugby Club Incorporated,

North Geelong Football Club Inc., North Geelong Warriors FC, Lara United, Geelong Rangers, North Shore Football and Netball Club, Badminton Geelong, Bell Park Sport and Recreation Club (Cricket), City of Greater Geelong Bowls Club, Corio Bay Cricket and Sports Club, Corio Community Sports Club, Corio Cricket Club, Corio Soccer Club, Geelong Soccer and Sports Club, Greater Geelong Galaxy Football Inc, Hamlyn Park Tennis Club Incorporated, Lara Bowling Club Inc, Lara Sporting Club - Baseball Section, Larinda Calisthenics College Incorporated, North Geelong Cricket Club Inc. and Little River Cricket Club Inc.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Victorian Government visit www.sport.vic.gov.au

Geelong Play Space project

The Geelong community is about to receive a great new inclusive play space thanks to a Local Sports Infrastructure Funding boost made possible by the Victorian Government's 2020-21 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The \$2.6 million Rippleside Inclusive Play Space project will be a partnership between Variety, the City of Greater Geelong Council and the Victorian Government's 2020-21 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.



Hon. John Eren MP

State Member for Lara

Level 1, Corio Shopping Centre,
Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio 3214.
Phone: 5275-3898.

Friendship and ‘visitors’

Australian Red Cross is providing social companionship and friendship for older people through its Community Visitors Scheme.

The Community Visitors Scheme is a free program where volunteers are matched with an older person for social companionship and friendship on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

During COVID-19 restrictions the program has transitioned to phone calls, cards, letters and video calls, until it is safe to resume face-to-face visiting. Participants and their volunteers might have a cuppa, do puzzles together, reminisce or otherwise enjoy each other’s company.



The Community Visitors Scheme is available to older people who are living in a public aged care facility or receiving a home care package. It is an initiative of the Australian Government.

If you are interested in volunteering with the program or would like to know more about receiving a volunteer, email vicsocialconnections@redcross.org.au

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Free Scouting fun

Norlane West Scout Group has returned to an online program. Group leader Kim Brian said all the sections are meeting together online once a week and the group's youth members are doing a fantastic job assisting and leading different elements of the online programs.

"Lots of families have also been having fun with other off-line activities and enjoy sharing what they have been doing once we come together online again," Kim said.

Some of the highlights have been programs themed around Flight during Scouts in Action Month. They included paper plane competitions, rocket making, flight-themed games and pet bird badge presentations.

"Some of our families have been going for a morning walk around the block and collecting rubbish for the Messengers of Peace badge and Keep Australia Beautiful week," Kim said. "Some families are using the accumulated kilometres from the family walks to compete in our Group's Sudoku Hiking Challenge.

"Others have been getting some sun and fresh air by volunteering in the gardens at the hall and setting up worm farm gardens. Lots of our Scouts are keeping busy working through interesting badges such as science, art, pets, IT and many more."

Scouts have also participated in activities for National Science Week, a National Water Week poster competition, creative challenges, writing to penpals who are Scouts from around Australia and overseas, and



planning hikes for when restrictions ease.

Upcoming activities include state-wide online cooking classes, online astronomy webinars, backyard 'campfire MasterChef' cook off and biodiversity

webinar with the Bellarine Catchment Network.

Scouting is free until March 31, 2021 so if your children would like to join the group, send an email to gl.norlanewest@scoutsvictoria.com.au.

Connection to services

To minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19 through physical contact, Department of Health and Human Services are available through telephone and online support. DHHS reception staff will continue to connect you with the right staff to respond to your query.

For assistance you can telephone 5226 4540, 8.45am to 5pm, Monday to Friday or go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

Public Housing: The Department of Health and Human Services has developed a range of online services to increase the ways in which public housing tenants can communicate with the department. Go online to Department of Health and Human Services' HousingVic online services: www.housing.vic.gov.au

Housing Call Centre: If you need any maintenance or repairs, contact the Housing Call Centre: 13-11-72.

Keeping in Touch: This free and confidential service is available to public housing tenants aged 75 years and over who live by themselves. Tenants are phoned once a week to check if they are okay.

To register, call Keeping in Touch: 1800-269-250 (free call) Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (except public holidays).



Child Protection: If you have concerns that a child is at risk of significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect you can call the West Division intake line during business hours: 1800-075-599.

If someone is in immediate danger ring Victoria Police: 000

To report concerns about the immediate safety of a child after hours (5pm-9am Monday to Fridays, 24 hours on

weekends and public holidays), call the After-Hours Child Protection Emergency Service: 13-12-78.

Coronavirus hotline: If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the hotline: 1800-675-398 (24 hours). To find where you can get a test go to: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested

For more information go to: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Reduce risk of COVID-19

Wash your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or use your upper sleeve or elbow.

Stay at home when you can.

Wear a face covering if you have to leave home.

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Learns

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall
Barista Skills	●		●
Become Job Ready	●		●
Beginner Computers	●	●	●
Café Skills/Kitchen Operations	●		●
Conversational English	●		●
Creative Arts - visual & performing	●		
First Aid			●
Intermediate Computers	●		
Introduction to Community Services	●		
Introduction to Hair and Beauty			●
Responsible Service of Alcohol			●
Safe Food Handlers			●
Tell My Story	●		



Creates

Art	●	●	●
Craft/knitting/Sewing	●	●	●
Creative Workshops	●		●
Instrumental music lessons	●		
Mosaics			●
North Geelong Community Big Band	●		
Portfolio Development	●		●
Pottery			●
Singing & Songwriting	●		
Ukulele	●		



All programs are subject to COVID-19 protocols

Meets

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall
Coffee and chat	●	●	●
Community Drop-in	●	●	
Over 50s social group			●
T.O.W.N. (Take Off Weight Naturally)	●		●

Plays

Youth Group 12 -18years			●
Playgroup	●		●

Moves

No Falls	●		
Strength and Training			●
Tai Chi	●	●	
Walking Groups	●	●	
Yoga	●		

Grows

Community Gardening	●	●	●
Food Swap	●		●

Eats

Community Kitchen	●	●	●
Learn to cook	●		●

Connects

Public Access Internet	●	●	●
Public Use Computers	●	●	●



The Neighbourhood houses of 3214 acknowledge the support of the Victorian Government.

Happy snappers

Do you have photos of people getting out and about in the Corio Norlane area? Northerly Aspects wants to promote the many positive activities of residents in the area. If you have a photo you'd like considered for the next edition, email it to info@northerlyaspects.org.au. Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Northern Bay College kindergarten children enjoyed Pyjama Day in conjunction with their participation in a competition to name the crane being used on the GMHBA construction site in Geelong CBD. The pyjama-clad children show off their entries.



Geelong residents are invited to participate in 27forParkinson's during October to raise awareness and funds for research into Parkinson's disease. The month-long activity replaces the annual Walk In The Park and is encouraging people to get out and move at their own pace and walk 27 times, over 27 days in October.

Parkinson's is a progressive, degenerative neurological condition that affects a person's control of their body movements. More than 27,000 people are living with Parkinson's in Victoria, with around 40 people newly diagnosed each week. State Member for Lara John Eren, who recently revealed his Parkinson's diagnosis, is an event ambassador.

Registration for 27forParkinson's is free and accessible to everyone, no matter where you live, and you can fundraise too. For more information go to www.parkinsonswalkgeelong.com.au



Northern Bay College early learning centre children recently enjoyed an excursion to the family centre next door, at a time when they were unable to enjoy the usual outings enjoyed during their kinder year. The children had fun playing and exploring the gardens and equipment.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

To help those who have lost their jobs or have been unable to gain regular work for a long period of time, the Victorian Government has created the Working For Victoria fund.

The City of Greater Geelong has secured the chance to offer more than 140 full-time and part-time positions under this initiative.

There is a range of indoor and outdoor roles available across a variety of areas for a fixed term of six months.

Residents are eligible to participate in the program if they are legally able to work in Victoria and are either unemployed or experiencing a significant reduction in their income.

To apply for roles, register at www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Jobseekers can access a computer and receive support in registering for Working for Victoria roles at the City's Leisuretime Sports Precinct in Norlane and The fOrT Youth Centre in Corio.

Bookings are essential and can be made via **5272 5272** or workingforvictoria@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

NEW FOOTPATHS

Pedestrians of all abilities can now safely use new footpaths along Thompson Road in North Geelong and Furner Avenue in Bell Park, after two construction projects were completed.

The previously missing links in the northern suburbs provide access to bus stops and businesses between the North Geelong, Bell Park and Norlane residential and commercial areas.

These footpaths reflect the Council's commitment to provide safe and integrated connections, which encourage community members to leave the car at home.



DUMPED RUBBISH

We live in a beautiful region and it is important to preserve the natural environment for current and future generations to enjoy.

Deliberately leaving, tipping or burying waste on private or public land is illegal. This includes leaving items outside opportunity shops when they are closed.

Dumped rubbish can impact our health, pollute our environment and threaten wildlife.

Illegal dumping costs Greater Geelong ratepayers about \$800,000 per year.

Fines for littering start at \$322 if issued on the spot, and up to \$9,900 when imposed by a court.

You can help by reporting dumped rubbish when you see it and disposing of your own rubbish responsibly.

You have the option of using the City's hard-waste collection service, which is available to residents twice a year.

In addition, extra recycling, electronic waste, home appliances, and many other items can be disposed of free of charge at our North Geelong and Drysdale Resource Recovery Centres.

Dumping in progress or dumped rubbish should be reported to the City via **5272 5272** or at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/litter



THINKING LOCAL FIRST



From the local florist to your neighbourhood butcher, businesses in our community have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The It's Our Backyard campaign has been developed by the City of Greater Geelong to inspire our community to back Geelong and think local first when seeking supplies and essential services.

For those that can, supporting businesses in our backyard helps local people, industries and Geelong's economy.

As many businesses have closed, there are many that have found innovative ways to continue serving the community safely while adhering to restrictions.

Thanks to contact-free delivery, click and collect and other online initiatives, it's possible to support local from the comfort of your lounge room.

Anastos Fisheries in North Shore is providing fresh seafood takeaway in store and for delivery in mixed produce packs via fellow local business, Magic Meadows. This is just one example of a local business doing things differently.

Anastos Fisheries owner John Anastasopoulos has said how valuable support from the community is for local businesses and the importance of working together.

"Having the support of the community encourages small businesses, like ours, to keep going. We need to support each other as much as we can and ensure people thrive in their communities," Mr Anastasopoulos said.

"We care about local products and we always support and encourage each other. This is what Geelong has always had and will continue to have because residents care and support each other."

To get involved with the It's Our Backyard campaign remember to think and support local first.

Use the hashtag #itsourbackyardgeelong on social media to find local businesses, to promote your own or to share how you're supporting local.

More information and additional resources can be found at www.itsourbackyardgeelong.com.au

IT'S Our BACKYARD

LET'S THINK Local FIRST!

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Spring delight in flowering fruit trees

Nothing says spring more loudly than the sight of a flowering fruit tree – all that lovely blossom with the promise of freshly picked fruit.

But what do you do if you don't have room for a fruit tree? They do take up a lot of space and even though they do look great in the garden, they also give you heaps of leaves to clean up in autumn. The answer is a miniature tree.

These trees can be planted in the garden or grown in large pot. I have two - a peach tree in the garden that is 35 years old and stands 1.2 metres high which yielded about 50 peaches last year, and a pear growing in a pot which yielded two pears in its first year. I have high hopes of more this year.

A little extra care is needed to ensure they don't dry out and monthly feeding of a liquid fertilizer will ensure a happy result when the fruit crop comes in. If you're not sure where to site them in

your garden, they are easily moved to that particular spot where they look at home. A special benefit is that if you are renting you can take them with you.

Tomatoes are always the subject of discussion in my house at this time of year – what type, height and size of the crop we want to try. If growing from seed they should be planted now to have healthy seedlings ready for planting out in November, the popular idea being that Melbourne Cup day is the ideal time.

I don't suppose the tomatoes will object if the Melbourne Cup is not actually run, but the soil should be warmed up a little by then and this will give your plants a good start. Staggering the planting time with a two-week break between plantings will see you with a continuous supply during the summer months instead of having them all coming in at the same time.

If growing the taller varieties, placing the stakes or other supports in place when planting the seedlings will prevent root disturbance which will affect their progress. Leave at least one metre between plants (I prefer a little more) which helps prevent overcrowding and transmission of disease. It also makes it easier to pick your fruit and to control weeds around the base of the plant.

Plants need fertilizing on a regular basis with either granular or liquid types and if you are short on space you can also grow these in pots if you take a little extra care of them.

Happy gardening,

Betty





Norlane Community Centre

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Staying in touch with community

As this edition goes to print, Norlane Community Centre is again closed during Stage 3 restrictions.

Although we had been gradually reopening to our social groups and programs during July/August, these are temporarily back on hold.

We hope to be able to start Term 4 with a return to the centre.

Like many others we have been setting up to work from home again at short notice, learning new programs (What's Stack? Zoom anyone?) to stay in touch and organise when we are not all in the one place.

You can still contact us though, by:

- Leaving a message on 5275-8124.
- Calling or texting 0458-286-175.
- Emailing admin@norlanecc.com.au.



www.norlanecc.com.au

Our chance to say thanks

This edition includes shout-outs and messages of thanks from people across the 3214 area, featured on Page 7.

Norlane Community Centre staff has an extra list of people they would like to thank for their efforts in 2020:

Thank you to the Horticulture students/

apprentices from the National Food Institute and our community gardeners for looking after our gardens. A quick trim, weed and mow certainly makes a difference over winter.

A **shout-out** also to the City of Greater Geelong facilities team who organised an electrical upgrade to Windsor

Park reserve while it's been quieter to minimise disruption to our centre and North Shore Football and Netball Club. We hope the Security Guard employed to watch over both our buildings while the power was out, stayed warm and dry inside. Special thanks for mopping up after our sink sprung a leak. That went above and beyond!



NCC's Board of Management has also been hard at work behind the scenes re-looking at our constitution and approving policies and procedures, including detailed plans needed by the City of Greater Geelong to re-open. Thank you!

As you may or may not know, Norlane Community Centre has been through

a few changes over the last few years. Our Board of Management has been taking this time to think about short and longer-term plans so we can return when restrictions lift. This includes plans to upgrade our computer lab and reviewing our vision and purpose (Strategic Plan).

We can't all meet face-to-face at

the moment and miss seeing our volunteers, groups, students and co-workers from organisations usually based at the centre. But we do see all the time and effort going on behind the scenes to stay connected and looking out for each other. It takes a community. Thank you all.



Focus on road safety

The following was provided by City of Greater Geelong Deputy Mayor Cr Kylie Grzybek and Cr Anthony Aitken, both of Windermere Ward ...

The Council is committed to road safety, and we've been working with the community and the Victorian Government to plan safety improvements in our northern suburbs.

In early July we learned we'd been successful in our application for more than \$4 million in funding under the TAC's Safe Travel on Local Streets program.

This was excellent news as it included funds for important road and pedestrian safety works at 14 different locations across Corio and Norlane.

The list of projects has been put together with a lot of input from local residents – including 334 completed surveys during a 'have your say' process late last year.

The work is designed to reduce traffic speed and make pedestrian movement easier – ultimately reducing the number of accidents and injuries.

Some of the works have already been completed, while the rest are being planned.

Here is the full list of funded projects:

- Kosciusko Avenue, Corio: new speed humps and raised pedestrian crossing (wombat crossing).
- Donnybrook Road, Norlane: speed humps and wombat crossing.
- Goldsworthy Road, Corio: wombat crossing, extra speed humps and upgrade of existing speed humps.



- Goulburn Avenue, Corio: raised intersection, wombat crossing and roundabout.
- Robin Avenue, Norlane: double wombat crossing and speed humps.
- Princess Road, Corio: five wombat crossings.
- Purnell Road, Corio: line marking to formalise parking, three wombat crossings and speed hump.
- Sparks Road, Norlane: roundabout at Iona St, speed humps and wombat crossing.
- Hendy Street, Corio: speed humps.
- Alkira Avenue, Norlane: speed humps.
- Bellnore Drive, Norlane: speed humps.
- Sharland Road, Corio: speed humps and pedestrian refuge.
- The Boulevard, Norlane: speed humps.
- Rose Avenue, Norlane: double wombat crossing, splitter island and speed humps.

Thank you to everyone who offered their ideas and suggestions during the feedback period last year.

We want a future where no-one is killed or injured on our roads. Please stay safe out there.



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2019 LEARN LOCAL LEGEND



We're here for our community



Staff and volunteers, including our tertiary students on placement, have continued to provide a range of activities for community while working remotely for most of Term 3.

The hard decision to close our doors, except for essential activities such as mental health appointments, was made in late July. Community COVID transmission rates were high and our primary priority is to protect the health and safety of our community.

Our staff have remained available via email and phone during this period and we hope to be back on site in some

capacity to begin Term 4. The photo on Page 28 shows some of the Cloverdale team members who've been working to support the community through this period.

Wellbeing support remains a high priority for everyone at Cloverdale. Our team is working from home to assist you with any issue and will touch base with our program participants. If you need urgent assistance call 5275 4415 or email heather@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au

We expect that wearing masks will remain an important health initiative

into the future and will do our best to help our community source them. We will continue making and distributing them as necessary.

Our programs and courses are being moved to remote delivery. Some are via Zoom, emailed modules, video uploads on YouTube and Facebook and soon Learn Local courses will be online. There will be plenty to keep you busy.

You can keep up-to-date with our news and activities by following our Facebook page or going to our website – www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au.



Creative (and free) program focus

New and revamped programs have creative focus at Cloverdale – and they're available without having to leave your house.

We're excited to have on offer a number of creative courses designed to build your confidence as a learner, develop skills for employment and give you a creative edge.

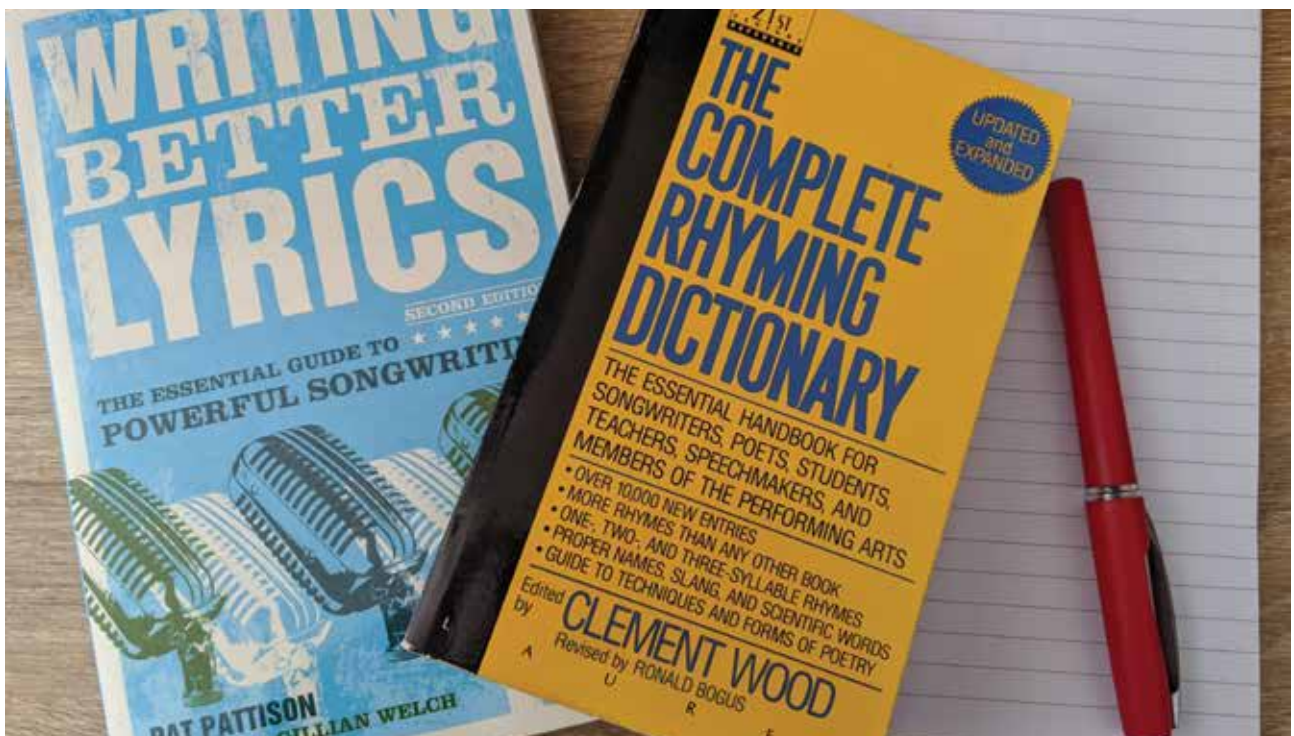
Preparing to Perform, Tell My Story, Introduction to Songwriting and Introduction to Digital Photography are designed to help build your confidence and create pathways for new opportunities.

For the first time, we are offering these courses free of charge. We know times are tough, we want you to feel connected and to enjoy a creative break from COVID. All content will be available remotely while COVID restrictions are in place.



Times for these programs are flexible, so let us know what suits you best – morning, afternoon, evening – and encourage a friend to join you. The programs will be ready to start in the week beginning September 21.

You can register your interest by phoning the centre on 5275-4415 or email courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au.



College community adapts

The Northern Bay College community has shown its ability to adapt to remote learning for the second time in 2020.

At the end of Term 2, all students were back for three weeks of onsite schooling and staff and students spent quality time analysing and sharing feedback about remote learning, its successes and its opportunities for improvement.

The outcomes of those days proved significant as each campus suddenly returned to remote mode in early July. Within a couple of days staff and students had to again plan and prepare for remote learning.

So much had been perfected the first-time round that the process was smooth. The feedback sessions had also given fresh ideas like the need for more face to face time with WebEx. The college IT resources, augmented by Department of Education and Training equipment, has been loaned to families



who have no devices and limited access to Internet services.

One of the great innovations that has taken place is live (and available 24/7) Q & A Facebook sessions with College Principal Scott Diamond. For an hour each week, Scott shares insight and updates, while parents and carers interact live.

The college also has instant messaging

of news to families and through its newsletter, found at <https://www.nbc.vic.edu.au/family/newsletters> where there are stories and videos of how learning continues to take place.

The college has remained open to access for children with circumstances that prevent learning from home. Classes take place at the Peacock Avenue, Hendy Street and Goldsworthy Road campuses.

Support for new parents

The City of Greater Geelong is working to support parents in a variety of ways, to ensure they receive continued care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City's Maternal & Child Health service is seeing families with babies under 12 months for short face-to-face visits, with precautions in place to protect the health and wellbeing of the nurses and families. Telehealth consultations are offered for older children.

Through this service, all new parents in the region are invited to a virtual

New Parent group which has had positive uptake, with 116 new parents participating in groups over the past two months.

First-time parents who are experiencing complexity are provided extra support from the Enhanced Maternal and Child Health team, including home visits. Telephone consultations are offered for families who prefer not to attend an appointment in person.

The 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line (132-229) is an important ongoing supportive service for first-

time parents. Other support measures include partnering with Geelong Regional libraries to offer a 'rhyme time' sessions, plus virtual sessions on sleep and settling techniques. Parenting educators are also continuing to provide telephone consultations for sleep and settling.

Supported playgroups continue to run online. The weekly sessions offer a chance for parents to chat and ask questions, as well as participate in facilitated small group parenting programs.

Refinery project supporting local businesses



Viva Energy Australia's refinery in Geelong has taken delivery of its latest piece of mega-equipment – a 32-metre long, 120-tonne vessel that was manufactured less than six kilometres from the refinery.

The vessel, constructed of 30mm thick specially made carbon steel, was manufactured to exacting standards at Thornton Engineering Australia.

The vessel and its delivery were part of a \$10 million project that will one day see the vessel playing a key role in the production of high-octane gasoline and associated products.

Viva Energy's Executive General Manager for Refining, Dale Cooper, said that construction of the massive vessel took about 17 months, employing dozens of people at Thornton and helping insulate local business from

the worst impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transporting the completed vessel from Thornton Engineering to the refinery was a significant undertaking, which called on the expertise of another specialist Geelong company – Wettenhalls – and its Heavy Haulage and Specialised Services Division. You can see a short video about the journey here (<https://vimeo.com/435454960/c3f88048b7>).

Some facts about that journey:

- The vessel was loaded onto two oversized trailers with a total of 116 wheels.
- The total truck/load combination measured 55 metres in length, 6.6 metres wide and 6.7 metres high, weighing a total of 194 tonnes and was pulled by two prime-movers.

- The journey of 5.7 kilometres lasted two-and-a-half hours and took place in the middle of the night to minimise disruption to traffic.
- On the night, a team of 25 escorts drove and walked the course alongside the vessel as it travelled down Bacchus Marsh Road, crossed the Princes Highway and entered the refinery via Lowe Street.

"Extensive planning and local expertise ensured this complex project was successfully completed and delivered without incident and exactly according to plan," Mr Cooper said.

"It is gratifying to know that beyond the hundreds of local people who work at the refinery, the actual plant itself has Geelong deeply engrained in its DNA."

Maintenance program well underway

At Geelong Refinery, the major maintenance event on the Residue Catalytic Cracking Unit (RCCU) is proceeding successfully and is currently about two-thirds of the way to completion.

The maintenance event prepares the RCCU for another four-year cycle and is a significant investment in the ongoing safety, reliability and efficiency of Viva Energy's Geelong Refinery.

The project, which commenced in July, employs a workforce of more than 300 people and will run until November.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic forced a rethink of the maintenance program, so the project is now running for four months – instead of the two months originally planned – in order to make it easier to comply with physical distancing requirements onsite.

One of the highlights of the event so far involved cutting the top off the RCCU or 'Cracker'. This was done using a jet of water under incredibly high pressure.

Once the Cracker was open, workers replaced a significant proportion of the major internal components – all fabricated at local engineering workshops like Brockman Engineering.

